

IN THE CLAIMS:

1.-5. (Cancelled)

6. (Currently Amended) A playback device for executing playback of video composed of a plurality of frame images, comprising:

a read unit operable to read a video stream from a recording medium;

a frame memory;

5 a video decoder operable to decode the video stream so as to sequentially obtain and write the frame images on the frame memory;

an output unit operable to generate a video signal from the frame images sequentially written on the frame memory and output the video signal;

10 a setup unit operable to accept a user operation to allow addition of supplemental information to the video signal;

an output control unit operable, ~~in accordance with a user operation,~~ to cause the output unit to output the video signal with the addition of the supplemental information when the user operation allows the addition; and

15 an assigning unit operable to assign[[,]] copy control information to the video signal ~~added~~ output with the addition of the supplemental information, the copy control information defining a less strict restriction ~~as compared with~~ than another copy control information to be assigned to the video signal output without the addition of the supplemental information.

7. (Withdrawn) The playback device according to Claim 6, wherein
the copy control information indicate one of a Copy Free status, an Only One
Copy status, and an Never Copy status, and
restrictions imposed by the respective statuses in an increasing order are the Copy
5 Free status, the Only One Copy status, and the Never Copy.

8. (Original) The playback device according to Claim 6, wherein
the recording medium is a portable recording medium,
the playback device further comprises:
a built-in recording medium storing a supplemental information stream,
5 the read unit is further operable to read the supplemental information stream from
the built-in recording medium,
the playback device further comprises:
a supplemental information decoder operable to decode the supplemental
information stream, and
10 the supplemental information is an image obtained by decoding the supplemental
information stream.

9. (Currently Amended) The playback device according to Claim 8, wherein
the built-in recording medium stores multi-path information binding the
supplemental information stream to a section of the video stream on the portable medium, and
the output ~~[[of]] control unit causes~~ the video signal ~~to be output~~ with the addition
5 of the supplemental information ~~by the output control unit is performed~~ when a current playback
point reaches the section.

10. (Withdrawn) The playback device according to Claim 9, wherein
the multi-path information binds the supplemental information stream to the
plurality of sections of the video stream.

11. (Withdrawn) The playback device according to Claim 6, wherein
the recording medium stores locator information specifying an address on a
network,

the playback device further comprises:

5 a download unit operable to download a supplemental information stream from a
server located at the address specified by the locator information; and

a supplemental information decoder operable to decode the supplemental
information stream downloaded, and

the supplemental information is an image obtained by decoding the supplemental
10 information stream.

12. (Withdrawn) The playback device according to Claim 11, wherein
the download unit is operable to transmit a medium identifier to the server when
accessing the server, and receive copy control information encrypted using the medium identifier
from the server, and

5 the copy control information assigned by the assigning unit is obtained by
decrypting the encrypted copy control information using the medium identifier.

13. (Withdrawn) The playback device according to Claim 12, wherein
the download unit is operable to transmit a maker identifier or a model number of
the playback device to the server when accessing the server.

14. (Currently Amended) A computer-readable recording medium comprising a
program recorded thereon, the program for causing a computer to execute playback of video
composed of a plurality of frame images, the program comprising code operable to cause the
computer to perform the steps of:

- 5 [[a]] reading ~~step of reading~~ a video stream from a recording medium;
 [[a]] decoding ~~step of decoding~~ the video stream so as to sequentially obtain and
write the frame images on a frame memory of the computer;
 ~~an output step of generating a video signal from the frame images sequentially
written on the frame memory and outputting the video signal;~~
10 accepting a user operation to allow addition of supplemental information to the
video signal;
 ~~an output control step of controlling and outputting the output step so that the
video signal is caused, in accordance with a user operation, to be output with the~~ addition of the
supplemental information when the user operation allows the addition; and
15 ~~an assigning step of assigning~~[[,]] copy control information to the video signal
~~added output~~ with the addition of the supplemental information, the copy control information
defining a less strict restriction ~~as compared with~~ than another copy control information to be
assigned to the video signal output without addition of the supplemental information.

15. (Currently Amended) A playback method for executing playback of video composed of a plurality of frame images; comprising the steps of:

~~a reading step of reading a video stream from a recording medium;~~

~~a decoding step of decoding the video stream so as to sequentially obtain and~~

5 ~~write the frame images on a frame memory of a computer;~~

~~an output step of generating a video signal from the frame images sequentially written on the frame memory and outputting the video signal;~~

~~an output control step of controlling the output step so that controlling and outputting the video signal is caused, in accordance with a user operation, to be output with the~~

10 ~~addition of the supplemental information when the user operation allows the addition; and~~

~~an assigning step of assigning[[[,] copy control information to the video signal added output with the addition of the supplemental information, the copy control information defining a less strict restriction as compared with than another copy control information to be assigned to the video signal output without the addition of the supplemental information.~~